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1. THE FMG HAS AGREED TO PERMIT PHILLIPS OIL TO CONSTRUCT ITS LNG PLANT AT ITS ORIGINAL PROPOSED SITE AT PETERSIDE ON THE WEST BANK OF THE BONNY RIVER, APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE UPRIVER FROM THE SHELL/BP TERMINAL AND PROPOSED LNG SITE ON THE EAST BANK. PERMANENT SECRETARY AWONIYI OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY WROTE PHILLIPS TO INFORM THEM OF THIS DECISION AND ASK WHAT COMPANY NOW INTENDED TO DO. PHILLIPS HAS REPLIED THAT TOP OFFICIALS FROM BARTLESVILLE READY TO COME TO NIGERIA FOR DISCUSSIONS AND HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR THEM WITH AWONIYI AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS. BALL NOW IN FMG COURT.

2. LOCAL PHILLIPS MANAGER HOELSCHER SAID BARTLESVILLE OFFICIALS INVOLVED ARE KEN HEADY AND BOB NAGLE. NAGLE NOW IN LONDON TALKING WITH EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS AND HAS ALSO VISITED MILAN TO TALK WITH AGIP. NAGLE AND HEADY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN LAGOS JANUARY 23 FOR TEN DAY STAY UNLESS THEY HEAR OTHERWISE FROM AWONIYI. HOELSCHER'S COMMENT THAT NAGLE DISCUSSING EQUIPMENT SUPPLY IN EUROPE TENDS TO SUBSTANTIATE EARLIER REPORTING AND USDOC BELIEF THAT PHILLIPS WOULD NOT BUY AMERICAN EQUIPMENT, AT LEAST NOT DIRECTLY FROM STATES.

3. FYI HOELSCHER SAID HE IS A LITTLE CONCERNED BY RUMOR THAT AWONIYI MAY RETIRE IN NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS (WHEN HE REACHES AGE 45). EMBASSY HAS HEARD NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE RUMOR. EASUM

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